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In re Application of
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Serial No. : 09/086,508
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For : Bone Anchor and Deployment
Device Therefor

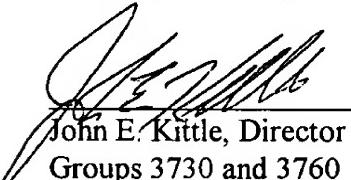
: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO WITHDRAW
: HOLDING OF
: ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed March 26, 2001 to review the holding of abandonment mailed February 27, 2001 for failure to respond to the Office action mailed May 18, 2000. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a Notice of Appeal, a copy of a three-month extension of time request, and a copy of a PTO stamped receipt dated November 20, 2000. It is noted that the original response has been found and is now in the file. The response included a certificate of mailing dated November 17, 2000. Any inconvenience is respectfully regretted.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 27, 2001 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. It is noted that the two-month time period to file a Brief or other appropriate action began on November 20, 2000.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.



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